

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 19, as follows:

Each of the consumer clients 401 to 40m is connected to the network ~~200~~20 and is located on the side of the m number of consumers. Each of the consumer clients 401 to 40m is used to purchase products online from any one of the stores A to N, via any one of the store sites 311 to 31n and the product catalog site 11.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 14, as follows:

In the ~~product catalogstore~~ server 300₁, a communication interface 301₁ controls communication between the ~~product catalogstore~~ server 300₁ and outside devices via the network 200 in accordance with a predetermined communication protocol. A control section 302₁ controls each section. The operation of this control section 302₁ is described in detail below. A Web screen creation section 303₁ creates the various types of screen described below. Memory 304₁ temporarily stores the various types of data.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 13, as follows:

At step SA1 shown in Fig. 8, the control section 102 of the product catalog server 100 determines whether or not a request to register non-sellable product information and stock shortage product information in the non-sellable product information database 150 and the stock shortage product information database 160 has been made from any of the store servers ~~330~~₁ to 300_n. In this case, the result of the determination will be taken as NO.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 38, line 22, as follows:

The computer 1600 is formed by a central processing unit (CPU) 1610 which executes the computer program, an input device 1620 such as a keyboard or mouse, read only memory (ROM) 1630 which stores various types of data, random access memory (RAM) 1640 which stores calculation parameters and the like, a reading device 1650 which reads a computer program from the recording medium 1700, a display unit, an output device 1660 such as a printer, and a bus 1670 which connects the respective device sections.

Please AMEND the paragraph beginning at page 39, line 14, as follows:

In one embodiment, when a product is out of stock at the store A, it is possible for a new supply of the product to be received by the store A through the agency of the product catalog server 100 from the store N, which does have the product in stock. The product can then be sold via the store site ~~3104~~310₁ of the store A.